

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 747

Introduced by Assembly Member Matthews

February 19, 2003

An act to add Section 14105.49 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 747, as introduced, Matthews. Medi-Cal: durable medical equipment.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

Under existing law, hearing aids, durable medical equipment, and medical supplies are covered benefits under the Medi-Cal program, subject to utilization controls.

Under existing law, the department may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts on a bid or negotiated basis with manufacturers, distributors, dispensers, or suppliers of appliances, durable medical equipment, medical supplies, and other product-type health care services for the purpose of obtaining the most favorable prices to the state and to assure adequate quality of the product or service, with certain exceptions.

Existing law requires the department to establish a list of maximum allowable product costs (MAPC) for medical supplies.

This bill would require the department to establish a list of maximum allowable product costs for durable medical equipment provided under the Medi-Cal program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14105.49 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 14105.49. The department shall establish a list of durable
4 medical equipment and determine the maximum allowable
5 product cost for each item of durable medical equipment provided
6 as a benefit under the Medi-Cal program.

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